UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23rd  4-H Advisory/Volunteer meeting Fairgrounds 5:00
May 11th   4-H Walk for Healthy Kids & Pets!
May 18-20  4-H Dog Camp at Camp Farley
May 21st   4-H Advisory/Volunteer meeting Council 5:00
June 21st  Annual 4-H Awards & Recognition Night at the Fairgrounds
           “Make Your Own Taco’s & Ice Cream Sundae’s”
July 10 & 12 4-H Work days in Youth Building
July 17    Non Perishable Exhibits entered in Youth Building
July 18    Non Perishable Exhibits judged
July 19    Perishable Exhibits Entered in Youth Bldg
July 20    Perishable Exhibits Judged
July 21-28 Barnstable County Fair dates
July 29    Exhibits leave Youth Bldg

VISUAL PRESENTATION PHOTO GALLERY

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Another year and another wonderful night for our 4-H’ers to show their stuff! We had so many interesting and creative presentations that I wish I could’ve seen them all! From Dog Breeds, to Planning a Wedding Palooza, Water Quality, Chincoteague Ponies, Harry Potter & Charlotte Bronte, Jump Rope, Parts of the Saddle, Crystals, Polar Bears, Diving, Heifers & Boar Goats, Arctic Cold, Making Pizza, How Horses Talk, Violin, Sign Language, and so many more. Congratulations to all the 4-H’ers who participated, you all did a fabulous job! Our Cloverbuds were also fantastic! Also thanks to the following judges who had some tough decisions to make that night: Mindy Tagher, Donna Tyndall, Peter & Laura Vollmer, Judy Dow, Lynn Laporte, Julie Early, Lynn Barry, Deena Dries, Carol Ann Ballard, Lynne Armstrong, Allison Manchester, Candy LeBlanc, Corey Eldredge, Kalliope Egloff, David Kooharian and our junior judges, Ian Holmquist, Austin Dowler, Sam Kooharian, Picabo Miskiv. Thanks also to Lori Horne for being the resident photographer for the event. It is so great to have lots of photo’s of our 4-H’ers in action. Last but not least thanks to the 4-H Ambassadors who helped as runners during the evening.

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Thanks to Judy Dow our lone Barnstable County judge at State VP Day. You are Awesome! Thanks to Jimmy too! Maybe next year Judy can inspire others to judge at State VP Day.

This annual healthy event will be held on Friday evening May 11th at the Cape Cod Canal. The Barnstable and Plymouth County 4-H programs are teaming up once again to offer our 4-H’ers, 4-H volunteers and their families a way to celebrate the 2nd “H” HEART!!! Invitations are in the mail. Please read all the information carefully. Rally your club members, families and friends to put a team together to participate in this 4-H Walk. Sponsor sheets are available on our website. Remember each club gets to keep fifty percent of all money collected through sponsorships. All registered walkers will receive a special surprise. A picnic dinner is provided along with a few healthy stations set up for you to participate in to while learning more about staying healthy all year! Pets of all kinds are welcome to join in the fun as well. In the past we have had many 4-H dog walkers from both Plymouth and Barnstable Counties along with the occasional goat or lamb, after all our pets need to stay healthy too! If you plan to bring a pet please use common sense and be prepared to clean up after them. Also, if anyone is interested in fishing on the Canal the evening of our walk you are welcome to bring your fishing rods.

Please be sure to register by May 4th to be included in the picnic dinner and be eligible to be in our drawing for prizes.
The Otis Adventure Club has been busy these past few months making the Hospice Pillows and they did a storybook nature walk and went on a bunny hunt. The stuffed bunnies were hidden in trees and under logs and brush and they had to find them which was a fun activity for Easter. They decorated T-Shirts for a rainy day activity and are looking forward to starting seeds for a 4-H Garden they will be planting outside the Crosswinds building where the club meets.

Otis 4-H Jr Chefs Club Hosts a Tea Party!
What a nice time everyone had at the Otis 4-H Junior Chef Club on Tuesday March 22 at the Chapel Support Building when club members, along with the super organized Ms. Lynne Armstrong, created a lovely tea to serve to our 4-H club member’s families and friends. The Otis 4-H Adventure Club made the centerpieces for the tables and were also guests for the 4-H tea as well. Tables were set by the Jr Chef’s as well and the tea was served to the guests by the Jr Chef’s. Thanks so much to all our Junior Chef’s and the Otis 4-H Adventure Club for putting this event together and of course Candy Leblanc and Lynne Armstrong.

Truro 4-H Club Art Exhibition & Club News:
During the month of February when it is cold and gray many people were warmed by the beautiful visions of a garden which is just what we needed in the middle of winter. The Truro Public Library was host again to a beautiful 4-H Art Exhibition beautifully coordinated and lovingly displayed by the one and only Francie Randolph 4-H Club Leader, artist, mom and organizer extraordinaire! The collection of artwork was done over the summer and fall as part of the Truro 4-H Community Garden Club by 4-H members. It was just what we needed in February to know that spring is coming. Some other planned activities include making animals out of wool and creating a sustainable farm display for the Fair and of course planting their garden!

Also, the 4-H Club at Truro Central School in Mr. John Burns class sent four 4-H’ers to County Visual Presentation Day. They even invited me to come and critique their presentations, as they are newbie’s to this; they wanted to do their best to compete at State VP Day.

Coonamessett Farm 4-H Club
The club invited me to one of their meetings to review lots of 4-H stuff and help plan for the next few months as we are gearing up for our busy time and of course fair. They have individual goals of working with the animals, showing at fair as well as creating a club display and working in the 4-H Kitchen. Alden Hackler also attended MA AG Day with his mom Karen Schwalbe so he got to see the other 4-H’ers in action and what AG Day is all about.

The Wanderer’s 4-H Club
The 4-H Wanderers keep themselves moving all the time with a Christmas Ballroom dance, skating at Frog Pond in Boston, visiting Faneuil Hall, ascending and descending the climbing wall in New Bedford and even going hiking and camping during a snowstorm. Finally all that planning and waiting came to fruition when they went to see Les Miserable’s at the Boston Opera House last month. They are always up to something every Saturday; stay tuned for their next adventure and where they will wander next.

Wellfleet 4-H Garden Club is busy picking greens from their greenhouse at the Wellfleet Elementary School yummy and Katie Flanagan is having a great time with the kids teaching them all about animals.

The 4-H Junior Bee and Entomology Club has been meeting and working on cleaning hives and preparing for spring. Several of their members are also 4-H Ambassadors and will be working on putting together a presentation on how pesticides affect the bee population and what we can do to help. They will be sharing this presentation with local groups and helping to educate the public about this topic.

Other club notes…..We had great participation from all the clubs for VP Day kudo’s to Muddy Paws, Mini Hoofbeats, Equus Friends and Bourne Equestrians for all their participation and also to Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club at Smithfield Farm for surviving their first VP and gearing up now for Fair. I will be meeting with Blue jeans & Boots in the next few weeks to give them the lowdown on everything that is 4-H!

4-H Ambassadors
The 4-H Ambassadors have completed their training and are ready to get going on preparing their presentation and getting the word out in the community that they are ready to spread the word about 4-H and how it is has impacted their lives. We had a leadership training in November, did a community service project in December and continued our training in February, did their VP’s in March and helped at VP night in some way and now putting it all together during April school vacation week. If you would like an Ambassador to visit your club and or you would like them to speak to an organization you belong to please let us know.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Many thanks to Lynn Barry who led the charge for our 4-H Hospice Pillows community service project making fleece pillows for Hospice patients at the Mary McCarthy House in Sandwich. They are bright and colorful and are such a comfort to the hospice patients who receive them. Barnstable County 4-H clubs have donated over 200 pillows over the past 3 years and lots of 4-H folks have lent a helping hand. Thanks to the Otis 4-H Adventure Club, Cape Cod 4-H Livestock Club and Project Forward 4-H Club for participating in this great project! If anyone else wants to join this effort please let me know, we’ll get Lynn searching for more fleece!
US MILITARY LEAVES IRAQ
4-H STAYS BEHIND

Here is an article about the far reaching effects that 4-H has globally that I thought would interest everyone…..

April 4, 2012; Source: Education Week

Who doesn’t know the meaning of the four Hs in the 4-H movement—Head, Heart, Hands, and Health? 4-H programs operate in every U.S. state and, through the International Farm Youth Exchange, in 81 countries. Earlier this year, for example, Global 4-H received a $1.5 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to create 4-H programs in Sub-Saharan Africa. It shouldn’t be surprising, then, to learn that despite the withdrawal of U.S. troops, 4-H is staying in Iraq. There are currently 4-H programs in each of Iraq’s 18 provinces serving some 3,000 Iraqi youth.

Originally brought to Iraq by a USDA employee, Mary Kerstetter, who initially wanted to help women develop their dairy-management skills, the emphasis in Iraq’s 4-H programs has been on positive youth development. In the Baghdad chapter, part of the curriculum teaches “how not to hate each other” and anger management skills. The result, says Kerstetter, is that the 4-H participants “are accepting each other as normal people.”

The first precursor to 4-H started in Clark County, Ohio in 1902 and expanded with a number of 4-H clubs a decade later. The clubs were effectively established as a national movement in 1914 with the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which created the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Cooperative Extension Service, the 4-H movement of connecting families and kids to practical, hands-on agricultural training.

The implication of this Education Week article is that there is nothing else like 4-H in Iraq as a resource for young people. Sharing USDA farming techniques to the accompaniment of youth development sounds like it could be a more positive approach for the U.S. in the Middle East than the posture of leading with military engagement.—Rick Cohen

STATE NEWS

4-H Policies and Guidelines

4-H volunteers, members and parents are reminded that current program policies and guidelines are found at http://www.mass4h.org/index.php/about/policy-guidelines. Policies and guidelines are updated as the need arises and all volunteers, members and parents are expected to be familiar with these and adhere to them.

Massachusetts 4-H Photography Contest and Workshop - July 2, 2012

Entries for the State 4-H Photography Contest are due at the Waltham office on July 2nd. Winning entries are displayed at the Big E in September. For details on how to enter, go to http://www.mass4h.org/images/stories/pdf_ppt_doc/forms/State_Photography12.pdf.

4-H Clothing and Textiles Competitions at the Big E - September 14 & 15

The MA 4-H Fashion Show (open to junior and senior members) will take place at the Big E on 4-H Day, September 15th. You must have your garment or quilt judged at the local level in order to enter. There will also be a competitive quiz at the Big E.

There is also the opportunity for senior members to enter a quilt in the Clothing and Textiles competition at the Big E. To qualify, the quilt must be at least twin size, be at least three layers and be tied or quilted by hand or machine by the exhibitor (commercially quilted not allowed). See the 4-H website for details, entry information and evaluation sheet.

A new opportunity will be offered this year; Smart Shop Fashions. All members ages 12-18 (as of 1/1/12) are invited to take part in this new consumer fashion show with a purchased garment or outfit; youth are invited to make wise comparison shopping choices for a garment or a complete coordinated outfit within a $50 budget. All purchases must have been made since October 2011. Fifteen youth will be selected from the entries to participate in the two 4-H Fashion Shows on Saturday, September 15. The deadline for entry is July 15. See complete registration details on the 4-H website under “Forms,” then “Contests”.

Important! IRS Filing Requirements for 2011

Every 4-H Club, Advisory Council or Program Council with an EIN (Employee Identification Number) must file a 990 form for 2011 by April 15th. For any group with gross income of less than $50,000, this is the 990-N. Use this link to access the 990-N form and instructions: http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html. This is a very easy form to file (it must be filed electronically) and should take you only a couple of minutes.

• Use January 1 through Dec. 31 as your tax year.
• Be aware that when you file the IRS will send you to a website managed by Urban Institute.
• There is no charge to file—if there is a cost when you try to file you are on the wrong website.
• When you attempt to file if you get a message that the IRS does not recognize your EIN or you are unsuccessful for any other reason keep a copy of this screen for your records so that you have proof that you attempted to file.
• If you have questions, contact your local Educator or Director Sherrie Guyott.

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